
BRYAN'S COMMENTS

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gnificant Attack on the Ohio Democratic Platform.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIS FOLLOWERS

Right of the Factions May Come This Year.

REPUBLICANS PLEASED

Mr. William Jennings Bryan's vigorous comments upon the action of the Ohio moderate convention formed the principal feature of the discussion at the annual meeting of the Ohio Republican Association, which was held at the Hotel Hamilton, Columbus, Ohio, last evening.

Since the convention ignored the free silver plank of the democratic national platform, a number of senators and representatives in interviews have minimized the importance of the omission. They have intended that this is not the time to deal with national questions of money in state affairs, although they see no impropriety in handling the national issue of free silver. They maintained that silver was not a national issue.

to know more about this, but that the other issues are more important.

Mr. Bryan was not alone in this out-of-the-shoulder statement. "The gold standard is the only one that the convention adopted," said the Kansas City Star. "It is a plain remark because it contained a silver plank. If so, it would have been more courageous to have declared openly for the gold standard. If the gold standard is good it ought to have been declared; if bad it ought to have been denounced."

To ignore the subject entirely was inexcusable. The money question is not yet settled in politics. It looks now as if the republicans were interested in securing a more secure control. If they succeed in Ohio it elsewhere it simply means another gigantic struggle, such as was witnessed in

Importance of Bryan's Declaration.
The importance of this declaration by Mr. Bryan is believed in political circles to lie in the fact that it discloses a difference of opinion between Mr. Bryan and some of his advisers and followers as to the wisdom of forcing silver on the state conventions, and promises a possible contest between the silver men and the so-

It thus proves true it will mean a trial of strength between the silverites and the conservatives of the party long before the national convention. It will mean at Mr. Bryan's idea is to force the issue at a state or district level. The proceedings would align the old original Chicago leaders and their followers at once.

The Virginia state democratic convention next month will probably determine whether protectionism can be tried. If so then be shown whether the Virginia managers agree with Mr. Bryan that the standard should either be denounced or commended. If it is attempted a very

the between the silver men of the south and those who would sidetrack that issue the present will then be on in earnest.

It is known that some of those who are prominently identified with the Bryan political platform, the silver men in the past few weeks expressed the view that the silver men should not be forced now. They have intimated that the action of the Kansas convention last year in making other issues prominent should not be repeated. They are concerned that the democratic party recognize the indisposition of the country to rush over that straw at this time, having their wheat at hand.

Differences Among National Managers

Mr. Bryan's declaration of today would indicate, therefore, possible differences of opinion among the national managers upon the subject, as there are known to be acute differences among the state leaders in several sections.

Interest is expressed also in Mr. Bryan's feeling that the attempt of the reactionaries to secure control means another gigantic struggle, such as was witnessed in 1896. It has been known for some time that the Bryan wing of the democracy would resist to the end the nomination of any man who has not been true-blue in his loyalty to the Chicago platform. In view of the movement progressing in the East, and even to some extent in the South, opposition to this view, Mr. Bryan's

ment may be taken, it is said, to forest the beginning of open hostilities between these factions.

Republicans, of course, are delighted at outlook and openly rejoicing over these monitions of dissension in the enemy's ranks. They only hope they will continue to grow worse, especially in Ohio, where democratic star was just beginning to appear above the horizon.

Menace to McLean.

Mr. McLean's supposed senatorial ambition is the subject of much discussion.

are considered to be clearly menaced Mr. Bryan in his statement today. After issuing a caustic comment upon Mr. McLean's possible attitude toward the fin-question, he advises the silver men in Ohio to cease attacks upon the state ticket "see to the nominations of senators representatives who will select a trustworthy senator." The feud between the long men and the McLean men in Ohio is long standing, and it is believed by

Personal Mention.
Mr. Charles J. Bell, the president of the American Security and Trust Company, will sail tomorrow for Europe, to be gone about the 1st of October. The vice president of the company, Colonel H. E.

Mr. Lucien Powell will sail Saturday on second continental sketching tour, via Switzerland, spending most of his time in Nice.

exhibition, and will remain for a time Philadelphia en route.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe will sail Wednesday on the Friesland of the Red Star line, from New York to Antwerp, especially to spend the summer in Belgium and land, and to return October 1.

Rev. W. A. Jackson, D.D., of 45 C street southwest, is in Buffalo this week to attend the exposition.

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The Armies of the World.

The adjutant general's office has just issued the volume prepared under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Simpson, chief of the military information bureau, a volume entitled "Notes of Military Interest, 1900." It contains much valuable information concerning the armies of the world and includes the budgets of each country, together with the proposed increases and decreases in their military establishments. It also has chapters on

Italy. The information in the publication is obtained from military attaches and scientific publications and journals devoted to military matters.